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SUBJECT: HAMMER AND CEAUSESCU ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. CEAUSESCU SAW ARMAND HAMMER AT SEASIDE MAY 27. DISCUSSION
CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES WITH
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM (BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY)
BUT HUMAN RIGHTS ALSO CAME UP AS HAMMER RELATED FOLLOWING
DAY TO AMBASSADOR.

2. ACCORDING TO HAMMER, HUMAN RIGHTS TOPIC CAME UP SOMEWHAT
ACCIDENTALLY TOWARD END OF DISCUSSION WHEN HAMMER TOLD
CEAUSESCU HE HOPED TO SEE HIM IN THE U.S. CEAUSESCU
RESPONDED THAT HE HOPED HE COULD INTEREST PRESIDENT CARTER
IN VISITING ROMANIA, IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE HE WANTED THE
PRESIDENT TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THAT ROMANIA DID NOT VIOLATE
HUMAN RIGHTS. (COMMENT: HAMMER ASKED IF CEAUSESCU
WAS RIGHT. AMBASSADOR SAID NO.)

3. HAMMER SAID HE IS SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESSED WITH ROMANIAN
INDEPENDENCE AND INTEREST IN WORKING WITH WESTERN
COUNTRIES SO THAT HE IS WILLING TO PURSUE ACTIVELY A
NUMBER OF LEADS BUSINESS-WISE. IN ADDITION, HE PLANS TO TALK
SOON AFTER HIS RETURN TO CONGRESSMAN KOCH, THE INITIATOR
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OF THE MAY 16 LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT IN HOPES OF PERSUADING
HIM TO MODIFY HIS OPPOSITION TO RENEWAL OF MFN. HAMMER IS
CARRYING WITH HIM LETTERS FROM RABBI ROSEN, WHOM HE MET,
TO KOCH AND KOCH'S RABBI INVITING KOCH TO COME TO ROMANIA
AND SEE THE JEWISH SITUATION FOR HIMSELF.

4. AMBASSADOR GAVE HAMMER SOME BACKGROUND ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SITUATION, INCLUDING EMIGRATION, HUNGARIAN MINORITY ASPECTS,
AND DISSIDENT TOPICS AND PROVIDE HIM WITH A COPY OF THE
MAY 16 CONGRESSIONAL LETTER. HAMMER'S CONCLUSION AFTER
READING THE LETTER AND HEARING AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS WAS THAT,
EVEN ALLOWING FOR THE PROBLEMS, THERE WAS NOT JUSTIFICATION
ENOUGH TO CANCEL MFN. AMBASSADOR SAID HIS CONCLUSION WAS
THE SAME.
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